

RESPONSE

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request the Examiner to consider the application in view of the included amendments and remarks. Entry of these remarks after final rejection, and consideration of this response, is requested because it is believed to put the claims in condition for allowance or, alternatively, to simplify issues for possible appeal.

Support

Applicants have cancelled claims 21 and 22.

No other elements of the claims have been changed.

Response

The Examiner rejected claims 21 and 22 under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boncan et al (US 6145591). Applicants have cancelled claims 21 and 22 making the rejections moot.

The Examiner found claims 1, 4 to 5, 7 to 15, 17 to 20 and 23 to be in condition for allowance. No changes have been made to these claims.

Therefore Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that the present claims are novel and unobvious over the cited reference, and in condition for allowance. The foregoing remarks are believed to be a full and complete response to the outstanding office action. Therefore an early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that only minor issues remain to be resolved, a telephone call to the Undersigned is suggested.

Any required fees or any deficiency or overpayment in fees should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 12-2275 (The Lubrizol Corporation).

Respectfully submitted,

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